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At the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth on First day the 14th, and for discipline at Newport, on Second day morning, the 15th of 6th month, 1863.

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears thatthe following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island—Elizabeth Meader, Huldah M. Bedee, Abby C. Gifford, Hannah B. Williams, Elizabeth Peckham, Mary D. Collins, Joanna M. Pierce, Deborah Howland, Ruth B. Buffington, Mary Ann Collins and Mary A. Smith.

From Salem—Elizabeth Gove, Mary E. Breed, Mary Alice Brown, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Hannah Paige, Deborah W. Crossman, Elizabeth Page, Eunice B. Boyce, Orinda Buxton and Ruth J. Challis.

From Sandwich—Phebe R. Gifford, Lydia Congdon, Rachael S. Howland, Elizabeth C. Wing, Sarah M. Easton, Maria Coleman, Elizabeth H. Potter, Maria Brown, Rebecca Ann Gifford and Mary G. Macomber.

From Falmouth—Patience B. Winslow, Eunice J. Rich, Juliette Pope, Jane C. Minot, Nabby Bean, Eunice Day, Lucy R. Goddard and Abigail S. Goddard.

From Smithfield—Anna H. Colton, Minerva Farnum, Abigail S. Battey, Mary A. Randall and Lucy G. Payson.
From Vassalboro'—Ann Elmira Lang, Rebecca Taber, Ann Jones, Eliza Gardner, Elmira S. Hanson, Sarah W. Partridge, Sarah E. Jones and Martha Pratt.
From Dover—Cynthia Buffum, Hannah G. Sawyer, Sarah P. Tuttle, Eliza P. Varney and Phebe H. Meader.
From Fairfield—Betsey J. Baily, Patience D. Swan, Mary J. Paige, Mary Gifford and Sarah S. Sherman. ;—

who are present except nine, for the absence of a part of whom satisfactory reasons are assigned.

By the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that *Rhode Island* has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Cynthia Bowen, and with Swanzey Monthly Meeting in a similar recognition and approval in the case of Eliza Hull, also with the latter meeting, in the appointment of Sarah Slade to the station of Elder. William S. Perry, an Elder and member of South Kingston Monthly Meeting, died on the 4th of 8th month 1862, aged 63 years 5 months and 3 days. Jonathan Congdon, an Elder and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, died on the 21st of 7th month 1862, aged 98 years 7 months and 5 days.

Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Weare Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Joseph Hoag and of Alice B. Hoag to the station of Elder.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Nathan Wing and Mary R. Wing to the station of Elder. Maltiah Gifford, a member and Elder of Sandwich Monthly Meeting deceased, 7th month 20th 1862, aged 82 years 1 month and 4 days. Nathan Wing, an Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 1st month 13th 1863, aged 58 years, 10 months, 16 days.

Falmouth has united with Durham Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Caleb Estes and George Douglas to the station of Elder, and with Windham Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Jane Pope to the same station. Mercy Lowell, a mem-

ber and Elder of Windham Monthly Meeting, died 13th of 7th month 1862, aged 65 years, 9 months and 23 days.

Smithfield has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Ruth M. Battey to the station of Elder. Buffum Chace, an Elder and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, deceased, 9th month 10th, 1862, aged 83 years, 4 months, 11 days.

Vassalboro has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Rachel B. Nichols and Maria S. Nichols to the station of Elder.

Dover has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Joshua Folsom and Stephen Beede to the station of Elder.

Fairfield has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting, in appointing Alden Sampson to the station of Elder.

Lively and acceptable Epistles from our Sisters of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore and Western Yearly Meetings, have been acceptably read, and this intercourse which has so long and so interestingly existed between us and our dear absent sisters, has seemed exceedingly sweet and precious to us at this time. May the trials, the sorrows, and the afflictions of which they breathe and which we believe have drawn us in true Christian sympathy and fellowship very near to each other, teach us at the same time to place all our trust and all our confidence in *Him* from whom our blessings flow. We appoint the following Friends to consider the subject, and as way may open for it, prepare essays of reply to present to a future sitting of this meeting, viz :—

Sarah F. Tobey, Dorcas F. Tucker, Betsey P. Wood, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Rebecca C. Kinsman, Eunice B. Boyce, Elizabeth C. Wing, Gertrude W. Cartland, Mary B. Bradford, Phebe H. Meader, Lydia P. Fry, Abigail S. Battey, Eliza Hull, Olivia C. Oliver, Rebecca Smiley, Maria Chase, Gulielma Howland, Rachel B. Nichols, Phebe R. Gifford, Sybil Jones, Susan Howland, Rhoda H. Taber, Mary W. Atwater, Dorcas B. Robinson, Sarah S. Jones, Elizabeth Meader, Elizabeth Gove, Mercy K. Wing, Sarah W. Partridge, Jane C. Minot, Louisa Osborn, Cynthia Bowen, Lydia Pope, Eliza P. Varney, Ann

Elmira Lang, Ann B. Earle, Harriet N. Jones and Mary A. Smith.

We appoint Mary Shove, Lydia Congdon, Hannah F. Peckham, Lydia P. Chase, Hannah Morrill and Hannah G. Sawyer, to prepare a summary from the answers to present to a future sitting of this Meeting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the rise of this Meeting to confer upon the subject of Clerks, and report this afternoon.

We adjourn to the time men friends may meet this afternoon.

Afternoon, met agreeably to adjournment.

Elizabeth Meader, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they were united in proposing Sarah F. Tobey for Clerk, and Eliza B. Boyce for Assistant Clerk, which being satisfactory to the Meeting, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Thomas Smith, of Raisin Monthly Meeting, Michigan, Elwood Ozbun, of Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa, William H. Chase, of Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York, Edward Jenkins, of Salem Monthly Meeting, Ohio, Phebe G. Underhill, of Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York, Jane Jones, of Honey Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana, Eliza Brewer, of West Lake Monthly Meeting, Canada West, and Mary Elliot, of Goshen Monthly Meeting, Ohio, satisfactory certificates from their respective meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements, have been read.

We have also the company of our beloved friends, Asenath H. Nixon, companion to our friend, Jane Jones, and Elizabeth Jenkins, who accompanies her husband, Edward Jenkins, from whose respective meetings minutes have been read, expressive of unity with them as Elders, and with their present engagement.

We have also, at this meeting, the acceptable company of our dear friend, Lemuel P. Clarke, companion to our friend, Thomas Smith; Nathan H. Bond, companion to our friend, Elwood Ozbun; Richard Nixon, accompanying our friend, Jane Jones;

Phebe Griffin, companion to our friend, Phebe G. Underhill, and Rachel Cronkhite, companion to our friend, Eliza Brewer. Satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings, expressing unity with them as members, and with their present engagements, have been received and read.

We have also in attendance at this time, several dear friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, without certificates, whose company is truly acceptable to us.

We adjourn to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning, 6th mo. 16th. Met at ten o'clock.

The minutes of last year have been read.

Entered upon the state of society by reading the Queries and Answers, and proceeded as far as the 5th, inclusive.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met agreeably to adjournment.

The remaining Queries and Answers were read, and the consideration of this important portion of the business that claimed our attention was felt to be one of deep interest; a solemn covering was spread over us, and we were encouraged to a faithful support and maintenance of all our Christian testimonies.

The deficiencies in regard to the due attendance of our religious meetings has awakened a deep concern at this time, and the query has arisen, who are they that swell the number that make up the deficiency? Is it the mothers? Is it the daughters? Is it the mothers with families of little children around them? These are often cumbered with many cares; obstacles present on the right hand and on the left, and the way for the attendance of our meetings may, at times, seem to be closed. A tender sympathy has been expressed for this class, and we have been exhorted to bear in mind, that all we have is in His hand, who can prosper or can blight our feeble efforts. And the belief has been expressed, if we loved the Lord with all our heart, with all our mind and with all our strength, that when the morning came for assembling to worship Him, we should find a way to be made

for us in a manner that might sometimes seem marvellous in our eyes.

The subject of sleeping in our religious meetings has claimed our attention at this time, and we have been enjoined not to give way to this temptation of the enemy, who dares to enter with us even into the sanctuary, and there to spread his net over us, and who will bring upon us a spirit of drowsiness, when he would not venture to approach us in a more open way. Many an honest inquirer, many a true worshipper, has, at times, known something of this trial—something of the prevalence of that spirit which goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Let us, then, pray without ceasing, for strength to overcome the besetments of this unwearied enemy. Let us seek to draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh unto us, and will hand forth the bread that will sustain our drooping souls.

We believe a prayer has been raised at this time that our members everywhere may be preserved in love one unto another. Let us enter into a close examination of ourselves and see how it is with us—where there is the least deficiency in this respect, there will be detraction, but when the heart is filled with love there is no room for a spirit of bitterness ; it has no place there. "By this," said our blessed Savior, "shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one unto another."

Mothers have been tenderly entreated to the observance of great care and watchfulness in the education and training of their children, and to seek for ability to go in and out before them, as becomes the followers of Jesus, bearing in mind that precept is of little value except it be enforced by example. May we manifest to them by a well ordered life, that we are seeking a city which hath foundation, whose maker and builder is God.

And the invitation has been afresh extended to our beloved young sisters to come to Jesus—to come now in the morning of their day, just as they are, to Him who never said to any seeking soul, wait a little longer ; but His invitation is universal—"Come unto me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved." If we come to Him hungry, he will feed us, and if we are thirsty

He will give us to drink of the water of life freely, even of that water of which, if a man drink, he shall never thirst, but it shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

In the exercises of this Meeting from its commencement, through its various sittings, there has been evidently a fresh flow of sympathy for those in affliction; many of whom are present on this occasion. The state of our beloved country has plunged us into great suffering, and dipped us into deep feeling one with another. Trials, the keenness of which is known only to Him, who, in His unerring wisdom has permitted them, have been the portion of many stricken ones. To such the language has been,—trust in God. He who permitted his servant Joshua, to command the sun to stand still upon Gibeon, and the moon to be staid in the valley of Ajalon, and it was done, is the same merciful and loving Father now that ever He was, and is as able to arise for our deliverance as He was for Israel of old. Not looking unto man but unto God; let us put all our trust and all our confidence in Him. Let us unitedly bless His hallowed name for mercies past, and trust Him for all that is to come.

Sweetly, as we believe, has the spirit of prayer ascended from many hearts for the sick and wounded soldier; and while we feel impressively the importance of maintaining our testimony faithfully against all wars and fightings, as inconsistent with the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, may we continue to bear these upon our hearts in fervent prayer, and use freely the means with which we have been blest, for their succor and relief. We rejoice to believe that there are those of our Society who have gone as ministering angels to the abodes of suffering and death—have poured the oil and wine into their bleeding hearts—have spoken to them of Jesus, and pointed them to Heaven. Blessed privilege! May we be concerned individually to do all that our hands find to do.

The Report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and accepted, and the Committee reappointed who served last year. The Report is as follows, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:—

The committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report: that they have attended to their appointment

and have much satisfaction in being able to state that it is in a prosperous condition, and that the administration of its various concerns has been such as to meet their approval.

The number of pupils admitted into the School, for the summer term, was 87, viz., 53 males and 34 females; for the winter term, 166, viz., 98 males and 68 females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley and Eliza P. Smiley, Principals; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Rowell, Rebecca H. Smiley and Ruth P. Nichols, Teachers of English branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; Charles R. Paine, Assistant Teacher of Greek and Latin; Alfred Gaudelet, Teacher of French; Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. In the summer term, Rebecca D. Wing, and in the winter term, Bessie T. Wing were employed on account of the delicate health of Rebecca H. Smiley.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the School house on First day mornings, which have been uniformly satisfactory; and the scholars continue to attend meetings of Friends in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been generally very good, except that in the early part of the winter term it was interrupted by one or two cases of diphtheria, and several cases of pneumonia, one of which early assumed the typhoid form and proved fatal, in the person of Daniel Heustis Chace, of Bristol, Rhode Island, a young man nearly 21 years of age, son of Daniel and Harriet Chace. This dispensation of Divine Providence was thus noticed in the minutes of the committee:—"The removal by death of one of the pupils, above referred to, introduced us into a renewed and solemn sense of the uncertainty of life, and in this feeling our hearts were exercised in sympathy for the bereaved relatives, in the humble trust that they mourn not as those without hope, and that our Heavenly Father may be a present help in their severe affliction."

At our meeting in the 9th month, we received the following communication from our friend, Jacob Metcalf:—

"Providence, 9th mo. 10th, 1862.

To the Committee of New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School.
Dear Friends:

My father, Ebenezer Metcalf, having in his will bequeathed to the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, after my decease, under circumstances therein specified, sixty-five shares of the capital stock of the

Manufacturers Bank, in Providence, (par value $6,500) ; one hundred and twenty shares of the Phenix Bank, Providence, (par value $6,000), one hundred shares of the New England Pacific Bank, Pawtucket; (par value $5,000) ; and one hundred shares of North Providence Bank, (par value, $5,000), for the education of poor children, in that Institution ; and being desirous, in my lifetime, to contribute to the object contemplated by my dear father, I have this day authorized the Treasurer of the School fund to receive the dividends from the stocks above enumerated until otherwise ordered by me, to be applied as directed in said will, a copy of which, so far as relates to this bequest, I herewith present, reserving to myself the right of designating any child or children whom I may desire to receive the benefit of a part of said income, they being admitted subject to the Rules and Regulations of the School.

With my best wishes for the prosperity of the Institution,

I am your friend,

JACOB METCALF."

Upon receiving the foregoing communication, the following minute was placed upon our records, viz. :—

"This generous and liberal donation from our friend, Jacob Metcalf, is gratefully received by us, and we trust it will prove a blessing to many of the youth within our Yearly Meeting. We accept it as an evidence, on the part of our friend, of a desire to promote the best interests of those who need a helping hand in obtaining an education to qualify them for usefulness in the world, and desire that the benevolent donor may be blessed in his deed."

During the past year, a neat and convenient Astronomical Observatory has been erected on the School premises, and furnished with a telescope, transit instrument and clock ; the expense of these instruments being mostly defrayed by the subscription of a few friends. The object aimed at is to give the scholars generally an opportunity of observing some of the more common and striking telescopic phenomena of the heavens, and more especially, to provide for those pursuing the study of Astronomy an opportunity of working practical problems by means of well-constructed instruments of moderate power. The more advanced pupils are accustomed to the free use of the instruments, and it is believed that in this way the study of Astronomy will be made more thorough and attractive.

By the report of the committee to examine the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole expenses for the past year have been defrayed by receipts from board and tuition, the products of the farm and fifty-two hundred dollars received from the Treasurer of the School fund, and that a balance of one hundred and one dollars remains in his

hands. A large expenditure was required in painting the house and erecting the observatory, and further expenditures will soon be necessary for keeping the buildings in good repair. Notwithstanding this, and the greatly enhanced cost of all articles of consumption, we think it will be safe, under the prudent and skilful management of our Principals, to propose that prices for pupils remain the same as last year, viz.: $40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and $100 for any others, payable in all cases in advance, and that $5 additional charge continue to be made for instruction either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished as heretofore.

In conclusion, we may state that moral and religious instruction, including, especially, a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, has, we think, been faithfully attended to, and the pupils generally have given evidence of interest in these important exercises; and we thankfully trust that this Institution continues to be remembered by Him whose blessing alone can sustain us.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee,

GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th mo. 12th, 1863.

NOTE.—The summer term, 1863, closes the 30th of 9th month.

The winter term, 1863–4, commences on fourth day, the 4th of 11th month, and closes the 23d of 3d month, 1864.

The summer term of 1864 commences fourth day, the 4th of 5th month.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the *third* and *ninth* months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "the Jacob Metcalf donation," will also be determined at the times above

specified, and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that *all* the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils and all others visiting the School will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address, ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

We adjourn to 10 o'clock, to-morow morning.

Fourth Day Morning.—Met at 10 o'clock.

The London printed Epistle of 1862 has been read, and the counsel and caution that it contains, seem peculiarly adapted to our present condition. May the truths which it inculcates, find a place in every heart.

An address from our beloved friend, William Green, of Ireland, who was in attendance of this Meeting last year, has been acceptably read. The spirit of love which it breathes, and the evident concern manifested for the prosperity of truth, and for the healing of breaches, have met a response in this Meeting, and the message is gratefully received.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock.

Afternoon.—Met at 4 o'clock.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, embracing matters of much interest, being furnished us by men friends, have been acceptably read, and have introduced our minds into much feeling exercise.

Essays of Epistles to our Sisters of London, Dublin, North

Carolina, Indiana, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved.

We adjourn to the time men friends may meet to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth Day Afternoon, 6th Month, 18th, met at 4 o'clock.

The Representatives being called are present, except six.

The Committee on Education presented a report, which is interesting and acceptable to us, and is as follows, viz:—

"To the Yearly Meeting:—

The committee on Education, in presenting their report, are aware that in New England the subject of education is claiming a large share of public attention, and that the members of this Yearly Meeting are not only deeply interested in the Boarding School at Providence and the Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro, which the committee believe were never in a more flourishing condition, but that many of them are associated with their fellow citizens, in the different localities where they reside, in the supervision and welfare of our public schools. We do not propose, therefore, to enter upon the consideration of this subject in all its various features of interest, but to offer, in connection with the usual statistical information, a few suggestions, touching the importance of awakening a still deeper interest in the *religious instruction* of our members; for we feel that, in this respect, we have sustained a great loss.

We have obtained, in answer to circulars addressed to the different Monthly Meetings, and otherwise, the following information. No response was received from two Monthly Meetings.

The number of children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 5 and 15 years, is	586	
The number between 15 and 21, is	471	
The number of Monthly Meeting Schools,	2	
The " of Preparative Meeting Schools,	1	
The " of Family Schools,	8	
Whole number attending school,	895	
" " taught by Friends,	388	
" " engaged in teaching,	135	
Number of members obtaining an education at Academies or Colleges not under the care of Friends,	33	
Number of First Day Schools,	50	
Average time of these schools,	8	months.

Whole number attending First Day Schools, -	1,423
Number of Friends' children, - - - -	472
" of teachers, - - - - -	193
" of Bible Classes, - - - - -	32
" attending Bible Classes, - - -	604
" of Friends attending, - - - -	521

It will be seen, that during the past year, the number of First Day Schools has been increased by 17, (or more than one-half;) and that to the number of persons receiving instruction in these schools, 581 have been added. Also, that the number of additional Bible Classes is 25 and that the additional members of Bible Classes are 471. This, the committee consider most gratifying intelligence, for it not only shows an increasing interest in the establishment of schools for the scriptural instruction of the youth, but evinces, on the part of our older Friends, a desire to strengthen and encourage these by their presence, and thus are all mutually benefited. And the advantages of such schools are not confined to our own members, for, it will be perceived, that only about one-third part of the whole number are members of our religious Society.

In this way, there is an opportunity presented for extending our usefulness, in promoting the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth, which should be the chief object in all our educational efforts. And while we rejoice at the indications of interest manifested in the "Boarding School" and other institutions of learning, for promoting a thorough practical education, and the new zeal exhibited in opening schools for the study of the sacred scriptures, which have done so much to elevate and bless man, we would remind Friends, and especially our younger members who occupy the interesting and responsible position of parents, not to forget, that the *family circle* is, after all, the most important school in which our children are placed; for it is here that the character of the man, for good or for evil, is generally formed. Hence the importance of determining what that home influence shall be, bearing in mind that it is operating hourly upon hearts of immortal beings, during the period when those hearts are most susceptible of influence. Let no want of sympathy with children, or coldness and restraint exist, to make home less attractive than the places and company which lead the soul astray from virtue. But let the charm and the freedom of love pervade the home of every child, and then shall home influences be always lovely to him, and always sacred.

By the direction of the Committee.

JOHN H. CROSMAN, Clerk."

And the Committee is re-appointed and requested to attend to the service confided to them, to report to the Meeting next year, with the substitution of Phebe H. Meader, and Deborah W. Hawkes, in place of Abigail M. Hanson and Eunice Winslow, removed from their respective MonthlyMeetings.

Essays of Epistles to our Sisters of New York, Baltimore and Ohio Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign the same, with those read at a former sitting, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following Minute for our friend Phebe G. Underhill, viz:—

"Our beloved friend, Phebe G. Underhill, attended this Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

And similar ones for our friends Jane Jones, Eliza Brewer, and Mary Elliot.

The clerk is also directed to sign the following Minute for our friend Asenath H. Nixon, viz:

"Our beloved friend, Asenath H. Nixon, attended this Meeting. Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

And similar ones for our friends Elizabeth Jenkins, Phebe Griffin, and Rachel Cronkhite.

The Clerk is directed to cause the Minutes of this Meeting to be printed, for distribution amongst its members.

The business of the Meeting is closed; and as the moment approaches for us to separate, we trust that every heart is raised in gratitude to Him, who has, through the various sittings of this Yearly Meeting, been to us, "as a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest." We may, perhaps, in days that are to come, turn back to this season of favor, and in remembrance of the mercies of our God, be strengthened, refreshed and comforted. To Him be all the glory, now and forevermore. Amen.

We conclude, purposing to meet again at this place next year, if the Lord permit.

SARAH F. TOBEY, *Clerk.*